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## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 1:53 PM, Deitz, Randy <Deitz.Randy@epa.gov> wrote:

## Attorney Client/Ex. 5

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**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David; McGrath, Shaun; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura  
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All,

Dan Elliott from AP is planning to do a story tomorrow morning saying the temporary plant is about to start up, and looking at possible longer-term solutions.

He says that when he asked CDPHE about "convening a conversation on long-term mitigation strategies," they seemed to know little about it.

He also mentioned our Sept. 23 response to one of his questions: "This system is temporary. Long term treatment will need to be decided after a more detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the Upper Animas watershed." He's asking if EPA is currently conducting a detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the area, or plans to conduct such an evaluation.

Can you help me develop a response? His deadline is 11am Eastern tomorrow, but can add info into the story after that if necessary. Please loop in as needed.

Thanks,

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